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In re Application of
BOWERS, JOHN LAWRENCE
Application No.: 09/986,346
Filed: November 08, 2001

: **DECISION ON**
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: **PETITION TO**
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: **MAKE SPECIAL**
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This is a decision on the petition filed November 13, 2002 to make special under 37 CFR 1.102(d). A status inquiry was also filed on November 13, 2002.

The petition is dismissed as moot.

As set forth in MPEP 708.01, reissue applications are already in a special status to be advanced out of turn for examination. Since this reissue application is already special, it cannot be made further special.

In regard to the status inquiry, no actions have been mailed and the application is awaiting a first office action on the merits.

Since this application is special, it is being forwarded to the examiner for an action on the merits.

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